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Personalities at the State Cartographical Institute, BUDAPEST

- 1. The State Cartographical Institute is situated at Malinowski Fasor 7,
 BUDAPEST II. Until the uprising in November 1956 it comprised some 450
 staff, of whom about 200 were military personnel. It is subordinated to
 the War Ministry
- 2. The Institute is headed by Major MURANYI, Laslo, who was on a liaison visit to the Czech War Office in PRAGUE when the insurrection began. He returned to BUDAPEST before the Russians occupied the town early in November.
- The adjutant/political officer is (Lt. Col) BEDO, Lajos. He was in command during MURANYI's absence. He was overthrown by the rebels but re-instated when the Russians arrived. He refused to issue arms or give assistance to the insurgents.
- The chief of personnel is (Lt. Col) NAGY, Jozsef, a convinced communist who was responsible for weeding out and dismissing those of the staff who sided with the uprising. Many of the employees have thus been forced to flee since they are specialists who can find no alternative employment.
- 5. The present staff and function of the Institute is not known, but the work must necessarily be on a greatly reduced scale. The building and plant was slightly damaged by several shells fired by tanks, otherwise it is intact.
- 6. There was at one time a Soviet colonel working at the Institute as "advisor", but he was withdrawn early in October and was not replaced.

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